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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. IN GENERAL CONVERSATION ON NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WITH QUAI DIRECTOR ALGERIAN AFFAIRS PAOLI, HE COMMENTED THAT PRINCIPAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CONFERENCE WAS EVOLUTION OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AWAY FROM ITS PREVIOUS PRO-SOVIET ORIENTATION. PAOLI SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW ALGERIA AND MANY OF ITS FRIENDS IN THE THIRD WORLD WERE NOW EQUALLY DISENCHANTED WITH BOTH WESTERN AND SOVIET ROLES IN MEDITERRANEAN, MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE. INCREASINGLY THEY WOULD BE CRITICAL OF BOTH SIDES. HENCE FOR FIRST TIME, THERE WAS SOME CHANCE THAT NON-ALIGNED GROUPS WOULD ADOPT TRULY NON-ALIGNED POLICIES. PAOLI NOTED THAT THERE WAS IMPLICIT IN THIS EVOLUTION PROBLEM OF NEW CONFRONTATION BETWEEN NON-ALIGNED AND DEVELOPED WORLD ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES, BUT THAT CRITICISM WOULD BE SOMEWHAT MORE BALANCED THAN IN PAST.

2. COMMENT: IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER LEGACY OF ANTI-WESTERN POSITIONS WHICH NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES HAVE TRADITIONALLY TAKEN WILL BE OVERCOME IN ALGIERS. PAOLI MAY WELL BE JUSTIFIED IN NOTING EVOLUTION, AT LEAST IN ALGERIAN POLICY, TOWARDS MORE INDEPENDENT POSITION VIS-A-VIS MAJOR POWERS. BUT
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OLD HABITS DIE HARD, AND WE WOULD EXPECT THAT PREPONDERANCE

OF CRITICISM OF "ALIGNED" POWERS WILL FALL ON OUR SHOULDERS
RATHER THAN ON USSR.
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